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The Honourable Marco E. L. Mendicino, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Public Safety
269 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Mendicino:

The Honourable Sonya Savage, Acting Minister of Justice and Solicitor General for Alberta, has declared an emergency as per the Police Service Agreement (PSA), which requires that I temporarily increase the strength of the Provincial Police Service in Alberta, in accordance with the emergency policing provisions of subarticle 9.2 of the PSA. This measure is required to allocate additional resources to alleviate the extraordinary demand on the Provincial Police Service, as a result of the ongoing blockade near the Coutts land border crossing, which threatens the well-being and security of citizens of Alberta. A copy of the request is enclosed for your perusal.

Under the circumstances, and after due consideration to the RCMP's other responsibilities and in consultation with contract jurisdictions, I am of the opinion that additional resources could be temporarily redeployed to the Provincial Police Service in Alberta. It is understood that the province will be responsible for 100 per cent of the costs related to the redeployment of any additional resources. The actual time and number of resources deployed from other services or divisions, as required, will be left to the discretion of the Commanding Officer of "K" Division in Alberta, who will also be responsible for monitoring the use of any such additional resources. The additional resources could be drawn from other RCMP units or services within Alberta, the Provincial Police Service in British Columbia, or other contract jurisdictions as required. Preliminary consultations with officials from British Columbia have already taken place and they are supportive of the proposed approach.

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In keeping with subarticle 9.3 of the PSA, your approval is requested for the temporary withdrawal of up to 10 per cent of the members of the Provincial Police Services outside of Alberta. With your concurrence, I will then advise the minister in British Columbia (or other ministers as may be required) of the proposed redeployment.

In the event that the redeployment would extend beyond 30 consecutive days, you would be promptly notified in order to prepare for consultation with your provincial ministerial counterpart and to examine whether measures are being taken to resolve the emergency without undue delay and without unduly affecting the services provided in the originating jurisdictions.

Kindest regards,

Brenda Lucki
Commissioner

Enclosure

Approval for the temporary withdrawal of up to 10 per cent of the members of the Provincial Police Services outside of Alberta.

☑ I approve

☐ I do not approve

The Honourable Marco Mendicino
Minister of Public Safety

Date 2022-02-08

ALBERTA
JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL

Office of the Acting Minister
MLA, Calgary-North West

February 3, 2022

C.M. (Curtis) Zablocki, M.O.M.
Deputy Commissioner
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Dear Deputy Commissioner Zablocki:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting the implementation of Article 9 of the Alberta Provincial Police Service Agreement (PPSA) in order to provide augmentation or the redeployment of Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Alberta Provincial Police Service members. This is in response to a current blockade near the Coutts land border crossing and intelligence suggesting further blockades planned throughout the province. In my opinion, this constitutes an emergency in the Province of Alberta under the Provincial Police Service Agreement.

Pursuant to Article 9.1 of the Alberta PPSA, I authorize the redeployment of the Alberta Provincial Police Service to the extent necessary to maintain law and order, and to ensure the safety of persons and property in the affected communities.

I also recognize that is may become necessary to invoke sub article 9.2 and to seek additional resources by drawing RCMP personnel and/or equipment from elsewhere within the province of Alberta and/or from neighbouring provinces and territories. It would be appreciated if you would notify me if such action is taken.

An increase in strength may not be necessary if the extraordinary demand related to this emergency can be absorbed by temporary redeployment within the Service. It is understood that the Province of Alberta will pay to Canada 100 per cent of all the costs related to any increase in strength, in accordance with paragraph 9.2(b) of the PPSA and that "K" Division has set up a separate collator to track all costs incurred.

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Thank you for your commitment to preserving life and safeguarding our communities during this time of crisis in Alberta.

Sincerely,

Sonya Savage

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Acting Minister